organisation called the 'Deendar Anjuman' having links in Pakistan is involved in the incidents. Appropriate cases have been registered under the relevant provisions of the law by the concerned States. So far 9 accused have been arrested.

Participation of Central Cabinet Members in Sahara City Programme

†1130. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the members belonging to the Central Cabinet who had participated in the programmes held at Sahara City, Lucknow during March-April;

(b) the objectives of such celebrations;

(c) whether there are any guidelines for the Ministers to participate in such programmes organised by the private persons/institutions; and

(d) if so, whether those Ministers have followed these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the available information, Sahara India Ltd. had organised a 9 day 'Bharat Parv' from January 23, 2000 at Sahara Shahar, Lucknow, for celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Republic Day. Five Members of the Council of Ministers participated in the said function. The celebration coincided with the 23rd Foundation Day of Sahara India Ltd. on February 1, 2000.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Draft of New Tada Act by Law Commission

1131. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has already prepared a draft of new TADA Act, if so, how much time Government propose to take to consider such piece of proposed legislation; and

(b) whether Government are aware of serious apprehension

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

expressed amongst different sections of people pertaining to the proposed new TADA law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The law Commission of India has submitted the Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000. The draft Bill has been circulated to all State Governments/UT Administrations, for their comments on the provision of the Bill. It is correct that same apprehensions have been expressed in various quarters relating to possible misuse of powers proposed to be given to the investigating agencies. However, Government will hold made consultations with the State Government, political parties, other groups etc. before a view is finalised in the matter. No time frame can be laid within which the Bill would be introduced for consideration by Parliament.

Land for Construction of NEC Buildings

1132. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-East Council received land for construction of its buildings;

(b) if so, the area of available land; and

(c) if not, the steps taken for having its own land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) The North-Eastern Council has taken steps to acquire suitable plots of land in Shillong for setting up the Secretariat and staff quarters.

Confidence Building Measures among Minorities

1133. SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures being taken by Government towards confidence building in the minds of religious minorities in the country in the wake of series of criminal and murderous attacks on them by religious fanatics;